

Northern Hotel  
428 Jackson Street  
Wausau  
Marathon County  
Wisconsin

HABS No. WI-282

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PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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STATE ● WISCONSIN	COUNTY MARATHON	TOWN OR VICINITY WAUSAU
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) NORTHERN HOTEL		HABS NO. WI-282
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 428 JACKSON STREET		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1883 (1882 & 1883 tax records)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) NOT KNOWN	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The brick, two-and-a-half story hotel was built in 1883. Anton Dern was owner of the hotel which had the reputation as one of the finest hotels in Wausau. Dern was one of Wausau's earliest pioneers, arriving from Germany in 1845. When he retired from managing the hotel in 1904, his son and stepson continued in the business. In the late 1950s the hotel (con't to page 2)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) SECOND EMPIRE		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) WOOD FRAME WITH BRICK VENEER. SUPPORTS ARE 2" X 10" JOISTS ON 16" CENTERS.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) SEE ATTACHED SHEETS, pages 3 to 6		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE MANSARD ROOF, A PREDOMINATE FEATURE OF SECOND EMPIRE ARCHITECTURE. THE SECOND FLOOR WINDOWS HAVE SEMI-CIRCULAR ARCHES WITH KEYSTONES, AND THE THIRD FLOOR DORMER WINDOWS HAVE PEDIMENTS. THERE IS A THREE-STORY CENTRAL PAVILION ON THE FRONT FACADE.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) SEE ATTACHED FLOOR PLANS, pages 3 to 6		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES CENTRAL TOWER ON TOP OF MANSARD ROOF WAS REMOVED AFTER 1900. METAL FRONT ENTRY COVERS THE ORIGINAL HIGH ENTRANCE DOORS AND LARGE GLASS WINDOWS. INTERIOR WAS REMODELED (DATE UNKNOWN).		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE RESIDENTIAL HOTEL VACANT MARCH 1, 1981; DEMOLISHED APRIL 1981.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE PROJECT NAME: DOWNTOWN WAUSAU SHOPPING CENTER FEDERAL AGENCIES: HUD, EDA, UPPER GREAT LAKES REGIONAL COMMISSION; ARCHITECTURAL (con't to p. 2)		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) SEE ATTACHED SHEET, page 8		
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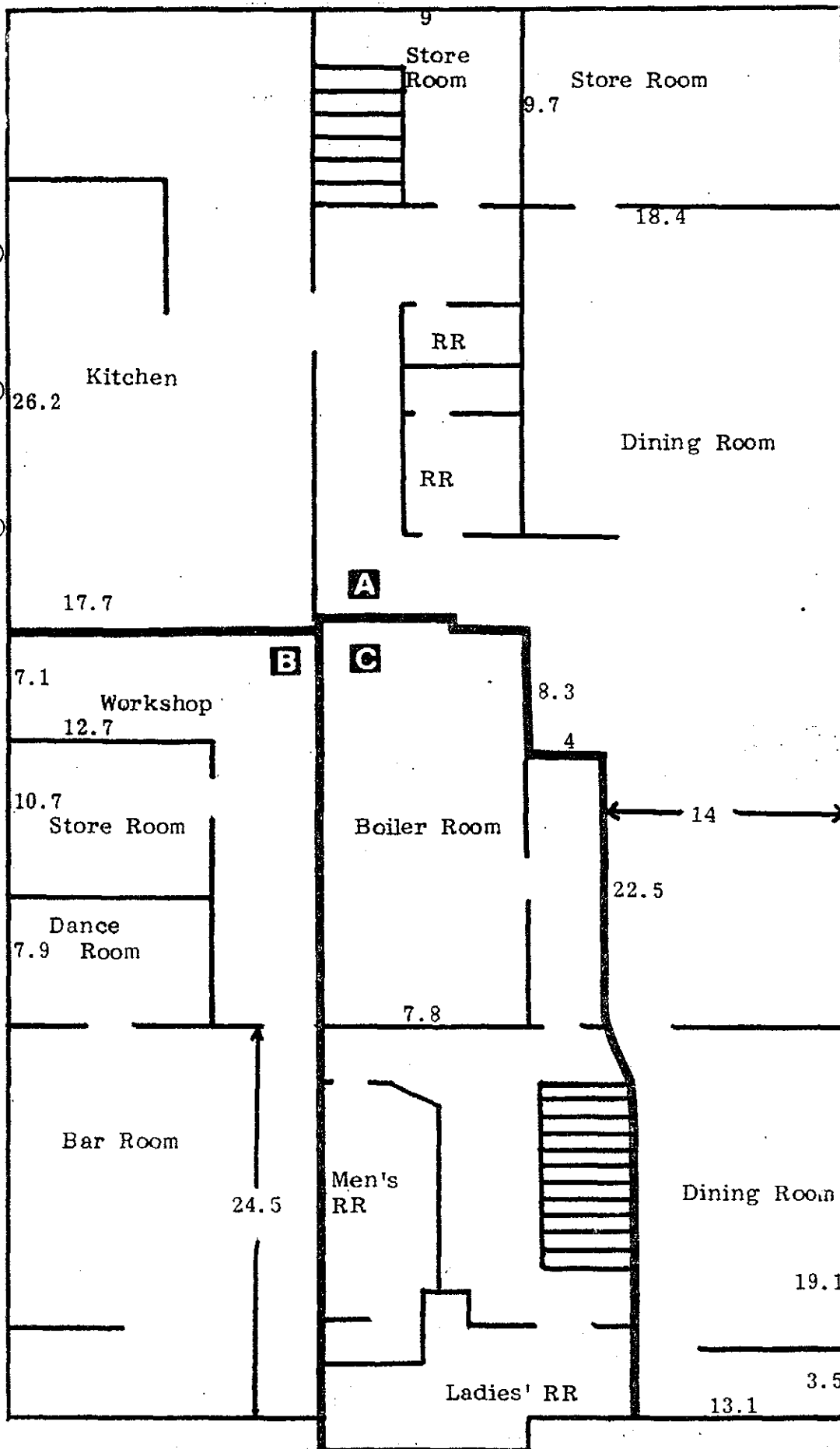
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# FLOOR PLAN OF BASEMENT



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A.  
Angelo's  
(3,017 sq. ft.)

B.  
Cloister  
(1,100 sq. ft.)

C.  
Common Area  
(1,032 sq. ft.)

# FLOOR PLAN OF 1ST FLOOR

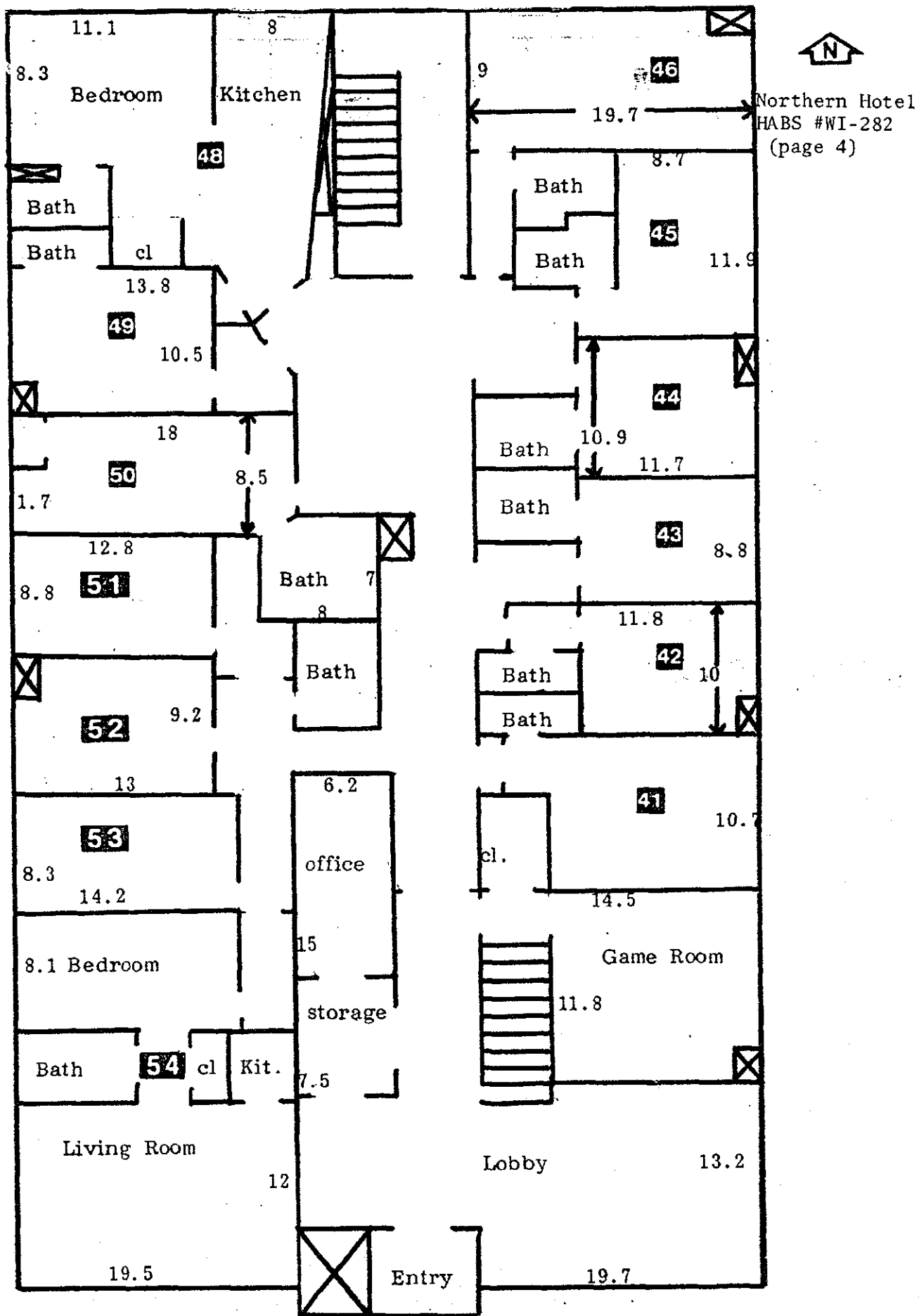


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# FLOOR PLAN OF 2ND FLOOR



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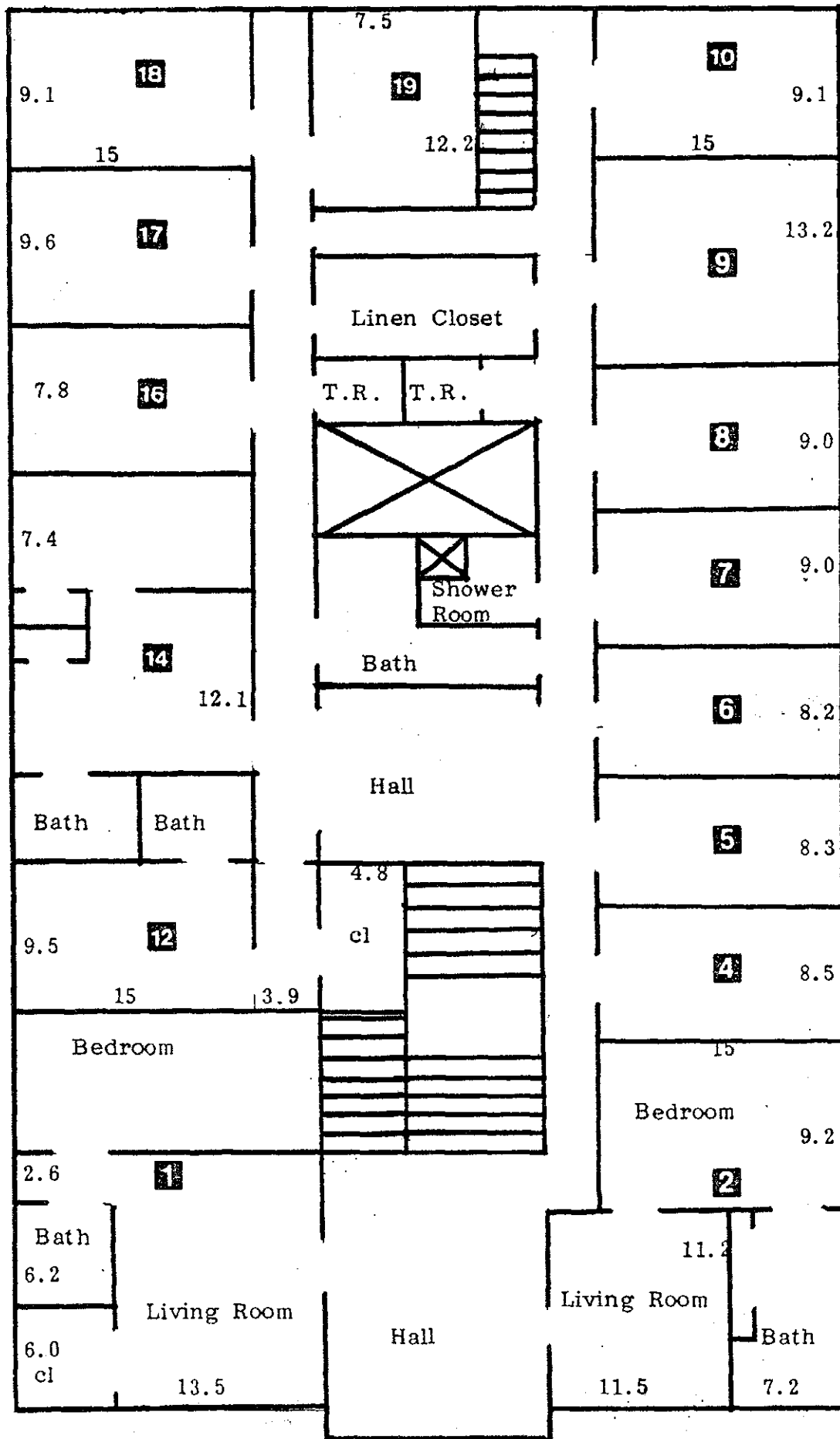
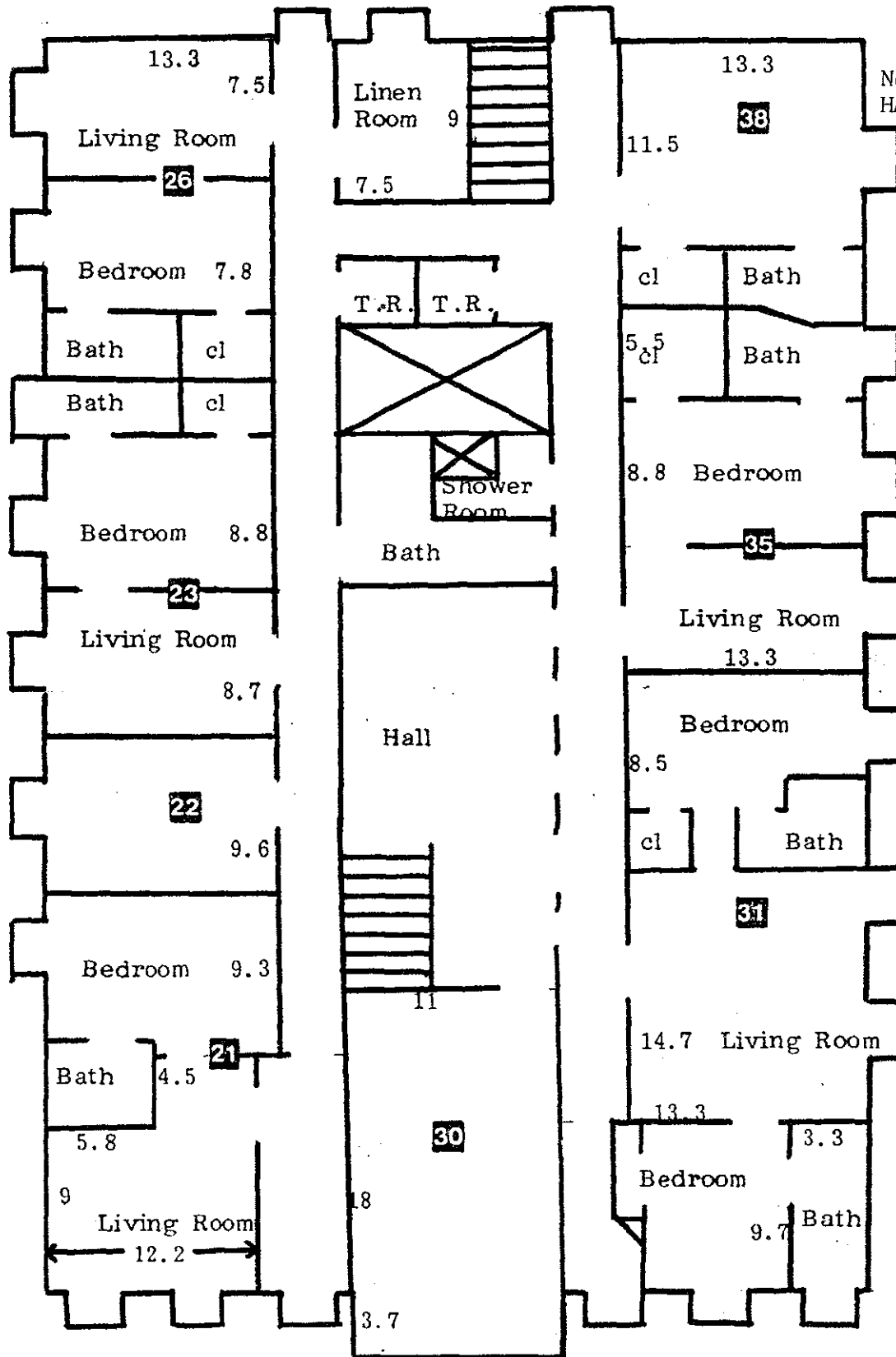


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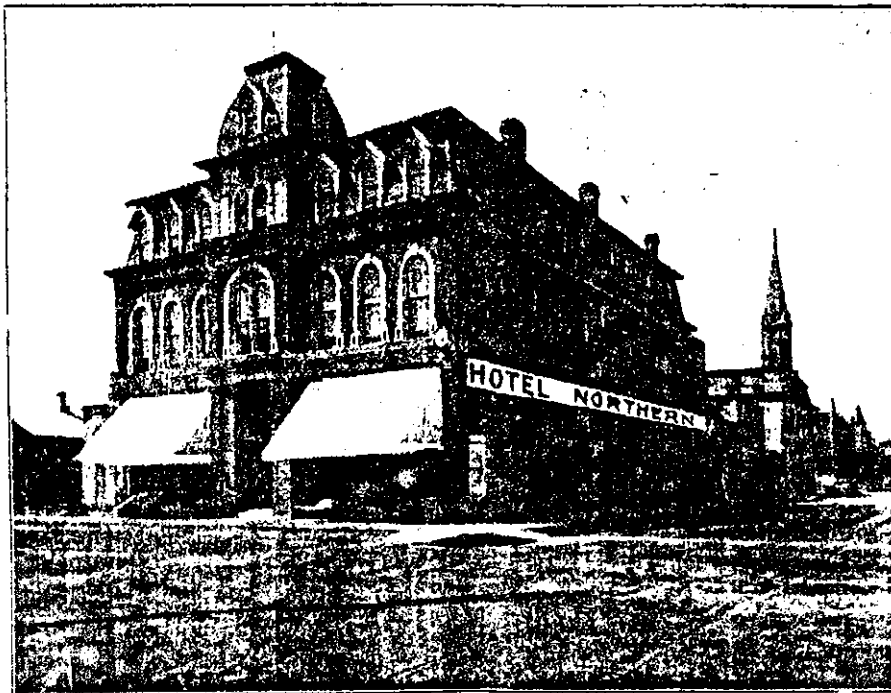
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HISTORICAL VIEW OF THE HOTEL IN 1900:

SOURCE: Martin, George Alfred. Wausau in 1900. December 25, 1900.

### WAUSAU IN 1900



HOTEL, NORTHERN.



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